

Fall & winter field trips 2017-18

September

- 3 End of Summer Bird Walk** (Sunday, 7:30–9:30 a.m.). We will look for early fall migrants, including “confusing fall warblers”, vireos, flycatchers, and others. Bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them. Meet at the UW parking lot at Frautschi Point entrance on Lake Mendota Drive. Leader: Roma Lenehan, 238-5406 (rlenehan@charter.net).
- 10 Geologic History of the Preserve and Madison Lakes** (Sunday, 1:00–3:00 p.m.). Consider the glaciers that were here 25,000 years ago as David Mickelson, professor emeritus of Geoscience, talks about geology on a walk to Picnic Point entrance. Meet at Chamberlin Rock, next to Washburn Observatory, 1401 Observatory Drive. Park on the street, at UW parking lot 26 behind the Soils Building, lot 34 at Tripp Hall, or at Picnic Point (lot 129) and walk up. Leader: David Mickelson, 262-7863 (davem@geology.wisc.edu).



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4th SUNDAYS—

Bird and nature walk

(1:30–3:00 p.m.). The Friends sponsor birding and nature walks in the Preserve with the Friends of Urban Nature (see the website for details). Expert, interesting and informative leaders alternate monthly. Meet at UW parking lot 129 at Picnic Point entrance. Contact: Paul Noeldner, 698-0104, paul_noeldner@hotmail.com.

- 17 Trees of the Preserve** (Sunday, 1:00–3:00 p.m.). An early seasonal hike reveals the amazing variety of trees and their brilliant colors. Enjoy a day in the woods with Glen Stanosz, professor of forest and wildlife ecology, identifying and learning about the trees as they prepare for winter. Meet at UW parking lot 129 at Picnic Point entrance. Leader: Glen Stanosz, 265-2863 (gstanosz@wisc.edu).
- 24 Birding and Nature Walk** (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.). See box.

October

- 8 Habitat Diversity in the Preserve** (Sunday, 1:30–3:30 p.m.) On a mid-fall day, join Paul Quinlan, Conservation Resource Supervisor for Madison Parks, on a hike to explore the diversity of habitats in the Preserve. Meet at UW parking lot 129 at Picnic Point entrance. Leader: Paul Quinlan, 267-4918 (pquinlan@cityofmadison.com).
- 13 The Night Sky in the Preserve** (Friday, 7:00–9:00 p.m.). Weather permitting, join the staff of the University of Wisconsin Space Place in viewing the autumn sky from the Preserve. Enjoy a brief introduction about the stars and planets and take a closer look by telescope. Meet at UW parking lot 131 at the intersection of University Bay Drive and Lake Mendota Drive. Leader: Jim Lattis, 262-4779 (jim.lattis@gmail.com).

- 22 Birding and Nature Walk** (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.). See box.

November

- 26 Birding and Nature Walk** (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.). See box.

December

- 9 Birding Madison's Lakes** (Saturday, 7:30–11:00 a.m.) As winter sets in, smaller ponds and lakes in south-central Wisconsin freeze, causing

migrating birds to become concentrated on Madison's large lakes, which remain open longer. We will look for waterfowl, gulls, and winter birds. This trip has produced some unusual sightings, including red-throated loons, so don't miss it! Dress warmly and bring a scope if you have one. Meet at the middle of UW parking lot 60 at the north end of Walnut Street. Co-sponsored by Madison Audubon. Leader: Quentin Yoerger, 255-2473 (info@madisonaudubon.org).

- 24 Birding and Nature Walk** (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.). See box.

January

- 7 Animal Tracking in the Preserve** (Sunday, 1:00–3:00 p.m.). Join UW wildlife specialist and professor David Drake on a winter day as he shows how to track foxes, coyotes, and other denizens of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve. Meet at UW parking lot 129 at Picnic Point entrance. Leader: David Drake, 890-0445 (ddrake2@wisc.edu).

- 28 Birding and Nature Walk** (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.). See box.

February

- 3 The Eyes Have It** (Saturday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.). Dick Dubielzig, emeritus professor of Veterinary Pathology, will talk about visual adaptations by different animals to their varied environments, and demonstrate examples from the Comparative Ocular Pathology Lab. This event is limited to the first 20 registrants. Park in UW lot 62 and enter the School of Veterinary Medicine through the 2015 Linden Drive entrance. Contact: Dick Dubielzig, richard.dubielzig@wisc.edu.

- 25 Birding and Nature Walk** (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.). See box.

March

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